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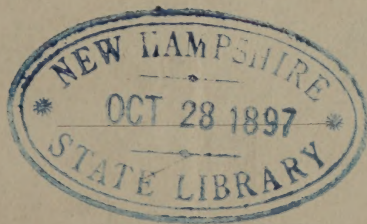
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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The Selectmen and Treasurer, charge themselves with cash in hands of N. G. Plummer, treasurer last year,	1857 92
Martin V. Fogg, collector 1874,	1509 28
List of taxes assessed and committed to Luther J. Holt for collection,	9928 04
Received of State, Railroad money,	251 63
Savings Bank tax,	366 22
Literary Fund,	115 24
County,	8 00
sale of hearse and hearse house,	29 75
" burying ground,	1 00
Hired of sundry persons,	11613 70
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	25680 78
They credit themselves with paid State treasurer,	
State tax,	1512 00
County treasurer, County tax,	1407 68
Notes and interest to sundry persons,	15273 07

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	\$592 47	
2,	101 47	
3,	135 83	
4,	127 25	
5,	173 84	
6,	147 57	
7,	160 92	\$1439 35
District No. 1, school house tax,	40 00	
4, " " "	62 73	102 73
Selectmen's services last year,		23 50
Non-resident tax,		24 23

N. G. PLUMER, services as Selectman, in and out of town,
and Overseer of the Poor.

1875, March 12, half day in session appointing town officers,	1 00
13, journey to Exeter to Judge Wiggin,	1 75
19, half day in session,	1 00
24, self and horse, journey to Exeter on Pike's case,	3 00
27 half day in session,	1 00
30 " " " "	1 00
April 1, 2, 3, 5, four days self and horse, taking inventory,	10 50
6, journey to Watchic bridge and other business,	1 25

1875.

Apr. 9, 10, in session,	2 00
12, 13, 17, three days making taxes,	5 25
21, 28, in session,	2 00
May 4, journey to Exeter,	3 00
5, half day in session,	1 00
7, one day filling surveyors warrants,	1 75
8, journey to Exeter,	1 25
10, 11, 15, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days in session,	3 00
12, delivered highway surveyors warrants,	3 00
28, journey about bridges,	1 00
31, on town business,	1 00
June 4, to W. E. “	1 00
8, half day in session,	1 00
July 9, journey to Fremont Docks on pauper account,	1 50
30, journey to Exeter.	2 50
August 28, journey to W. Epping, county pauper,	1 00
30, one day in session,	1 75
Sept. 11, journey to Exeter to see Judge Wiggin,	2 00
13, one day in session,	1 75
18, “ “ making school taxes,	1 75
30, “ “	1 75
Oct. 5, half day widening high road,	1 00
6, one “ in session,	1 75
20, half “ “	1 00
23, half “ purchasing land for cemetery,	1 00
28, journey to W. E. about Mrs. Trimble,	1 50
29, “ Fremont “ “	2 50
Nov. 6, half day in session,	1 00
7, taking Mrs. Trimble to County Farm,	1 00
9, journey on town business,	1 00
11, to W. E. about Mrs. Purington,	1 25

Nov. 16,	half day on road case,	1 00
17,	journey to Portsmouth and expenses,	3 50
23,	“ J. W. Purington's,	1 00
Dec. 4,	half day in session,	1 00
10,	“ “ revising jury list,	1 00
18,	“ “	1 00
20,	one “ “ getting evidence in	
	Lane case,	1 75
22,	one “ hearing of Lane case,	1 75
1876, Jan. 8,	half “ in session,	1 00
20,	half day in session,	1 00
26,	journey to Garland's	75
27,	“ Exeter and expenses, road case,	2 25
28,	self and horse do. do.	3 50
Feb. 1,	journey to Exeter and expenses,	2 25
5,	half day in session,	1 00
7,	journey to Garland's,	75
19,	one day in session,	1 75
23,	“ “ making check lists,	1 75
26,	“ “	1 75
28,	“ “	1 75
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		\$105 25

JOSEPH GARLAND, services as Selectman, in and out of town,
and Overseer of the Poor, and expenses.

1875

March 12,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, appointing town officers,	\$1 00
19,	$\frac{1}{2}$ “	1 00
27,	$\frac{1}{2}$ “	1 00
30,	$\frac{1}{2}$ “	1 00
Apr. 1, 2, 3, 5;	self and horse taking inventory,	14 00
9 & 10,	2 days in session at town house,	2 00
12 & 13, 2	“ filling invoice,	3 50
15,	journey to Exeter, self and horse,	3 00

April	17,	1	day in session filling invoice,	1 75
	21,	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	1 00
	28,	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	1 00
May,	5,	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	1 00
	7,	1	" filling surveyor's warrants,	1 75
	10,	$\frac{1}{2}$	" " "	1 00
	11,	1	"	1 75
	12,	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	1 00
	14,		self and horse distributing surveyor's warrants,	3 00
	15,	$\frac{1}{2}$	day in session filling collector's book,	1 00
June	8,	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	1 00
July	8,		Journey to Plumer's on town business,	1 00
Aug.	11,		" " & Corner, town business,	1 00
	25,		" " " "	1 00
Sept.	3,		" " " "	1 00
	30,		1 day in session,	1 75
Oct.	5,	$\frac{1}{2}$	" to widen high road,	1 00
	6,	1	"	1 75
	20,	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	1 00
	23,	$\frac{1}{2}$	" & purchasing land for cemetery,	1 00
Nov.	6,	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	1 00
	16,	$\frac{1}{2}$	" on road case,	1 00
	17,	$\frac{1}{2}$	day getting evidence in Pike case,	1 00
Dec.	4,	$\frac{1}{2}$	day in session,	1 00
	10,	$\frac{1}{2}$	" and revising jury box,	1 00
	18,	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	1 00
	20,		self & horse getting evidence, Lane case,	3 00
	24,		journey on town business,	1 00
1876.	Feb. 1,	$\frac{1}{2}$	day in session,	1 00
	19,	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	1 00
	23,		1 day making out check lists,	1 75
	26,		1 day in session and making out warrants,	1 75
	28,	1	"	1 75

 \$69 50

10525

11260

28795

W. R. BUNKER, services as selectman in and out of town,
and Overseer of the Poor, and expenses.

1875

March 12,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in session appointing town officers,	\$1 00
13,	journey to Exeter, self and horse,	3 00
19,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
24,	journey to Exeter,	1 25
27,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
30,	$\frac{1}{2}$ " "	1 00
Apr. 1, 2, 3 & 5,	self and horse, taking inventory,	10 00
6,	journey to Watchic bridge & other business,	1 25
9 & 10,	$2\frac{1}{2}$ days in session,	2 00
12, 13 & 17,	3 days making taxes,	5 25
21 & 28,	$2\frac{1}{2}$ days in session,	2 00
5,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
7, 1	" filling Surveyor's warrants,	1 75
8,	journey to Exeter,	2 50
10, 11 & 15,	$3\frac{1}{2}$ days in session,	3 00
14,	delivering Surveyor's warrants,	2 50
28 & 31,	journey to Watchic bridge & other business,	2 00
June 8,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
July 9,	journey to Fremont Rocks,	1 50
30,	" Exeter,	1 25
Aug. 28,	" W. E. & County Farm, pauper account,	2 00
30,	1 day in session,	1 75
Sept. 11,	journey to Exeter to see Judge Wiggin,	2 50
13, 18 & 30,	3 days in session,	5 25
Oct. 5 & 6,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in session and other business,	2 75
20 & 23,	$2\frac{1}{2}$ " and purchasing land for Cemetery,	2 00
28,	* journey to W. E., about Mrs. Trimble,	1 00
29,	self & team, Fremont " "	1 00

Nov.	6,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
	7,	journey to County Farm to carry Mrs. Trimble,	4 00
	11,	journey to W. E., about Mrs. Purinton,	1 00
	16,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day getting road evidence,	1 00
	17,	journey to Portsmouth and expenses,	3 50
	23,	“ Concord “	4 35
Dec.	4,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
	10 & 18,	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days in session,	2 00
	20,	1 day in session, getting evidence in Lane case,	1 75
	22,	1 day before Referee in Lane case,	1 75
1876			
Jan.	8 & 20,	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days in session,	2 00
	27,	journey to Exeter and expenses,	3 50
	28,	“ “ “	2 25
Feb.	1,	“ “ “	3 50
	5,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
	19, 1	“	1 75
	23, 1	“ making check list,	1 75
	26 & 28, 2	“	3 50
1875			
Sept	3,	taking Flora Davis & baby to C. Farm,	2 50
June 1875,		copying taxes,	6 00
			<hr/> \$112 60

Selectmen's services in taking Inventory of Real Estate in September and October, 1875.

N. G. Plumer,	self and horse,	36 00
J. Garland,	“	36 00
Wm. R. Bunker,	“	36 00
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MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid G. N. Shepard, surveying,	\$10 00
N. G. Plumer, stationery,	4 75
T. C. Folsom, auditing,	2 00
Wiggin & Fernald, legal advice,	44 25
S. P. Ladd, damage by dogs,	5 70
A. Chapman, " "	3 80
P. Chase, " "	15 96
J. P. Chase, " "	19 00
G. E. Lane, Invoice books &c.,	9 60
G. K. Perkins, damage by dogs,	7 60
E. K. Jenness, " "	3 80
J. Swain, " "	5 70
H. T. Chase, " "	2 28
D. Dow, " "	1 90
J. Sanborn, " "	11 40
J. P. Sanborn, services with hearse,	42 00
Levi Towle, board and care of Newell Carr,	100 00
J. H. Locke, care of tramps and labor,	14 00
County Commissioners, report on R. Pike road,	25 80
Board of John Bly, State Reform school,	26 00
T. Groom, books & stationery,	4 92
C. Pearson, printing,	4 50
Campbell & Hanscom, printing town reports,	44 00
Recording deeds,	2 80
W. H. Belknap, certificate,	50
G. E. Lane, books &c.,	4 30
J. P. Sanborn, land for Cemetery and fencing,	125 00
F. E. Bean, services as Constable and tramps,	10 25
J. S. Osgood, burying small pox bodies,	15 00
L. E. Fogg, Fogg donation,	6 00
Witness fees in J. J. Lane case,	10 11

Paid Wm. R. Bunker, services and expenses in

Lane case,	9 50
R. F. Emerson, services as Constable,	3 00
H. A. Stoddard, defective highway,	6 00
Pay Roll of firemen and wardens,	129 00
Tufts & Cook, pail for lobby,	1 25
B. W. Sanborn, check lists,	67
M. V. Fogg, damage to horse, defective highway,	35 00
C. H. Norris, oil for fire engine,	75
J. H. Lock, care of tramps and work at lobby,	9 50
E. C. Eastman, check lists,	2 15
W. R. Bunker, supplies for lobby,	13 41
Dr. Burnham, services as auditor two years,	4 00
“ Supt. school committee,	40 00
N. G. Plumer, services as Treasurer,	35 00
C. Rundlett, “ town clerk,	35 00
L. J. Holt, “ collector,	100 00
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	\$1007 15

SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Mrs. Colby, board of pauper,	1 00
N. G. Plumer, paid on account of paupers,	6 00
Abby Johnson, board of pauper,	4 55
L. M. Clifford, “ Mrs. Trimble,	25 00
I. F. Davis, services for “	3 00
S. W. West, boarding pauper,	6 25
J. Leddy, supplies for Mrs. J. W. Purington,	80 98
Wm. R. Bunker, supplies for Mrs. Tilton,	16 00
Drs. Burnham & Gibbs, medical attendance,	6 75
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	\$149 53

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid D. D. Cook, labor on highway,	\$7 50
J. Garland, “	10 00
J. Edgerly, “ and stone,	5 84
B. S. Clifford, “	4 89
I. Bowley, “	2 50
J. F. Davis, “	5 31
S. P. Ladd, “	4 89
J. Stokes, “	2 75
E. Kenniston, “	4 12
E. K. Jenness, “	4 34
J. F. Woods, “	1 00
S. Haley, “	3 00
B. S. Clifford, “	22 80
S. J. Rollins, “	2 57
G. S. Rundlett, “	19 50
E. F. Barber, “	6 07
J. G. Mallard, “	8 25
M. J. Harvey, “	9 94
J. Eaton, “	7 00
J. F. Davis, “	3 75
L. N. Clifford, “	3 00
F. A. & C. H. Miles, plank for bridges,	244 00
H. A. Stoddard, labor on highway,	9 27
C. A. & E. E. Miles, plank for bridges,	48 09
E. F. Barber, breaking plow,	3 50
J. B. Page, labor on highway,	11 25
J. F. Davis, “	6 25
Walter Durgin, “	5 40
C. A. & E. E. Miles, timber for bridges,	1 36
G. Ramsbottom, “	4 00
N. Burnham, land & damage in widening road,	36 00
D. C. Edgerly, “ “	29 50

Paid J. S. Webb, labor on bridges,	\$8 50
Harvey & Co., bridge plank,	20 73
E. R. Tuttle, labor on culvert,	10 00
J. Wiggin, stone work on watchic bridge,	30 00
J. A. Johnson, " "	17 50
G. H. Dame, labor on highway,	1 68
H. B. Miles, "	16 40
D. G. Young, "	9 00
J. Clough, "	2 43
W. H. Tilton, "	8 23
J. H. Bly, gravel & "	8 53
J. S. Hook, "	10 25
J. S. Bunker, stone work on two Watchic bridges and highway,	74 00
J. F. Davis, labor on highway,	4 50
E. F. Barber, " "	1 00
N. Burnham, " "	4 50
Mrs. J. Chase, lumber,	2 00
J. Perkins, labor on highway,	5 96
J. G. Mallard, " and material,	12 50
J. H. Lock, labor on bridges,	8 00
J. F. Robinson, stringers for Watchic bridge,	6 90
W. L. Plumer, stone for culvert and labor,	6 50
J. S. Hook, hauling stringers,	1 50
C. F. Edgerly, labor on highway,	4 25
J. O. Edgerly, " "	12 80
G. W. Ordway, " "	14 96
H. A. Stoddard, " "	3 85
H. Leach, " "	10 67
D. Kennard, " "	6 79
E. Kenniston, " "	2 07
A. C. Gordon, bridge stringers,	56 25
J. M. Godfrey, labor on bridges,	9 43
D. E. Smith, labor on highway,	1 00
M. J. Harvey, do.	13 00

Paid J. H. Johnson, labor on highway, and gravel,	\$1 20
B. S. Clifford, do.	25 13
J. Hopkinson, do.	20 45
B. Johnson, do.	16 71
J. Johnson, stone for bridge.	6 00
Mrs. M. G. Lancey, do.	10 00
Mrs. C. S. Norris, do.	5 00
J. Quint, gravel,	1 83
D. D. Cook, labor on highway,	10 93
D. Norris, do. and gravel,	10 00
L. J. Holt, posts and rails for highway,	7 50
D. F. Bartlett, railing for bridge,	5 80
J. Wiggin, labor on highway,	6 00
H. A. Stoddard, do.	3 85
J. G. Ordway, stone for Watchic bridge,	5 00
N. Burnham, labor on highway,	3 37
R. Thompson, do.	14 57
D. S. Langley, gravel, &c.	3 44
H. B. Miles, labor on highway,	2 26
R. Beals, do.	1 50
E. C. Brown, do.	15 80
J. L. Folsom, bridge timber,	5 00
W. R. Bunker, labor and material on Watchic bridge,	126 45
material and blacksmithing for bridge,	37 55
labor on Dry and other bridge,	38 25
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	\$1332 89

Sundry abatements for the year 1874,	\$68 44
“ “ “ 1876.	63 95
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	\$132 37

Cash in hands of M. V. Fogg, collector 1874,	12 94	
“ “ L. J. Holt, “ 1875,	660 04	
“ “ N. G. Plumer, treasurer,	2207 97	
		<hr/> \$2880 95
		<hr/> \$25680 78

N. G. PLUMER,	}	Selectmen of Epping.
J. GARLAND,		
W. R. BUNKER,		

Epping, N. H., March 4, 1876.

We have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them correctly cast, with proper vouchers.

The indebtedness of the town is as follows :

Notes held against the town,	\$23289 40
Estimated interest on the same.	2012 74
	<hr/> \$25301 78

Cash in hands of L. J. Holt,	
collector, 1875,	660 04
Cash in hands of M. V. Fogg,	
collector, 1874.	12 94
Cash in hands N. G. Plumer,	
treasurer.	2207 97
	<hr/> 2880 95
Total indebtedness.	22420 83

Epping, N. H., March 4, 1876.

H. B. BURNHAM,	}	Auditors.
T. C. FOLSOM,		

R E P O R T

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

The design of a school report is undoubtedly to give the citizens of a town, correct information respecting the condition of their schools, and their management during the past year.

A custom prevails more or less with school committees to point out excellences, speak in commendation of all teachers, and make a liberal use of what is generally known by the name of "white wash" in all matters pertaining to the schools. So far as such a course is calculated to awaken and encourage a laudable ambition among scholars and teachers very well, but it has always appeared to me, that a fair and plain statement of facts would be much better as a basis to begin a new year. If our object is to improve our schools, a correct appreciation of their defects becomes a necessity. During the past year, there has been some improvement in your schools, better teachers have been employed, the attendance of scholars has been more regular and parents generally have taken more interest than formerly, still they are not what they ought to be, what they might be, what they should be.

Among many parents the idea is prevalent, that if their children learn to read, write and cipher, it is all that is re-

quisite, hence they are sent to school whenever it is convenient, and permitted to stay away whenever their services are seemingly required on the farm or in the workshop. There is no good reason why a large majority of the children of this town should not become good readers, have a fair knowledge of Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar and the history of their own country, and learn something of Natural Philosophy, Geology, Botany and Physiology.

Our schools are badly managed, a greater part of the money raised and appropriated for school purposes is thrown away. You do not get an adequate return for it, or that return which you might and ought to have. It is a fact, that a large majority of those who teach are incompetent, they have not the qualifications for good and successful teachers, some of them do not understand the branches they propose to teach, many of them have no aptitude for imparting instruction, no taste or fitness for teachers; they go into the school room, hear their pupils read, often disregarding the correct pronunciation, articulation of many words, and oftentimes wholly ignoring the meaning of the author. In Arithmetic and Grammar they are confined to their text books, their pupils repeating certain rules and formulas in a routine manner, having no distinct perception of their meaning. A teacher who is incapable of instructing a class in Arithmetic and Grammar without a text book in his or her hand, ought not to be tolerated in a school room. Text books are useful and serve well to assist both scholars and teacher, when rightly used, but they are not absolutely necessary, and the teacher who depends entirely upon them can not be a successful instructor. If the standard of our schools is to be raised, none but competent teachers should be employed, and if Prudential Committees will employ the first applicant, or seek the services of those who can be had for a small consideration, the only alternative is for the Superintendent to do his duty and withhold his certificate.

A more extended observation of the working of our present mixed system of school management, has only served to strengthen my former convictions of its inability to afford the best possible means of a common school education, and since our towns are so reluctant to abolish the present district system, it might be advantageous to so change the law as to permit towns to choose a committee of three or five, who should have the power to employ teachers, as well as inquire into their qualifications—also the right to distribute the money among the several school districts. When a teacher was found to be competent, his or her services could be retained in town, and those districts having a large number of scholars, although less taxable property, could have longer schools.

During the past year, districts Nos. 1 and 8 have been united and the school graded. The united district to be known by the name of district No. 1, and the school divided into a Grammar and Primary school. During the past year there were thirteen applicants for teacher's certificates, four were refused.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Alfred T. Rundlett, John S. Blaisdell and Enoch H. Pearsons, were the Prudential Committee.

Miss Mattie F. Scribner, who has had an extensive experience in teaching, was employed in the Grammar school. At the beginning of the first term, it was the request of the committee, that there should be but a few classes and those to have a thorough drill. It was not "the quantity but quality" not "how much but how well." Each one in the class was to recite the whole lesson, every point was to be explained and elucidated until every one in the class had a clear and definite understanding of it. An attempt was made to have every scholar present regularly; if any one was absent, before he or she could take their place in their class again, a written excuse from the parent of such

scholar was required to be given to the teacher, which excuse should be satisfactory for such absence. The school was frequently visited by the Superintendent, at some of these he made such suggestions upon the lesson or method of teaching as appeared appropriate; at other times, he conducted the recitation, often making it an examination of what the class had previously gone over. The proficiency made in some of the branches pursued was excellent, in others very fair, while some did not come quite up to the desired standard. In a promiscuous school of forty or fifty, while all may learn, all will not learn equally well, there will be some comparatively dull or stupid. It would be difficult to find from the same number, so many quick and intelligent scholars as there are in this Grammar school, only give them a fair opportunity, furnish them with instructors who are competent to direct their efforts, and they will soon show what can be accomplished in a district school when rightly managed.

Through the instrumentality of the larger scholars, the school room has been furnished with a clock, thermometer, Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary, a complete set of wall or outline maps and other apparatus designed to illustrate some of the branches taught in their school.

The Primary School was taught by Miss Laura P. Leach, who has superior qualifications as a teacher. Her school was well and easily governed; her instruction thorough, the black board was constantly made use of, and text-books held a secondary place. The progress made by her little scholars was unexceptionally good. The school registers in this district were correctly kept and returned.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

William H. Hodgdon, Prudential Committee.

There were two terms in this district, both taught by Miss Clara A. Lane. It was Miss Lane's first experience in teaching and she has made a good beginning; her school

was orderly, her pupils prompt and enthusiastic in their recitations. Their proficiency was good. It is unfortunate that this district could not be united with some other, whereby a larger and longer school could be had. Register properly made out and returned.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

William B. Tilton, Prudential Committee.

This district, like the preceding, is small, consequently the school is short, still the scholars have very good attainments. There were two terms kept by Miss Dora A. Barber, who is a very fine scholar. The first term her discipline was good, and the proficiency of her scholars very fair; but the second term the school room was noisy, and her little pupils, instead of shedding tears as formerly when failing in recitation, only made their failure the subject of merriment. It will require a good disciplinarian, next term, to restore this school to its former standard. The Register was returned with two or three slight errors.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

J. C. Burleigh, Prudential Committee.

There were two terms taught by Miss Rhoda J. Davis, who has had considerable experience and keeps a very good school. Her pupils were interested in their studies and their progress was good. The district has now a small but commodious school room, well supplied with the requisite appliances for successfully illustrating the branches taught. Register kept and returned correctly.

DISTRICT No. 5.

D. F. Bartlett, Prudential Committee.

There were two terms taught by Miss Clara A. Jenness, who has had a large experience in teaching, and fully comprehends the duties and responsibilities of a teacher. Teach-

ing is not a mere pastime with her, but a living, active reality—it is work. Nothing in the school room escapes her notice; order she will and does have; her pupils are expected to devote their time in the school room to their respective studies, and if they do not learn it is not her fault. The interest, zeal and enthusiasm of her scholars is best exhibited in the record of attendance. This district has heretofore been, like some others, a little faulty in this respect, and any change, especially for the better, ought to be gratefully noted. It is hoped that the good and thorough work done in this district, this year, will be continued, and the district be equally as fortunate in their selection of teacher another year, and that parents will continue to send their children to school regularly. Register correctly kept and returned.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

B. S. CLIFFORD, Prudential Committee.

There were two terms in this district, both kept by Miss Alla A. Norris. This school has always had a good reputation for its good discipline and the studious habits of its pupils. It has maintained its reputation during the past year, with the exception of a little more noise in the school room than is customary for this district. Register properly kept and returned.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

EBEN K. JENNESS, Prudential Committee.

There were three terms in this district, two kept by Miss B. Thompson, and one by Mr. James De Buchanne. This school was formerly one of the best in town; but of late there has been a retrograde process going on until its standard of scholarship and discipline is not what it ought to be. There are several elements or factors which, if allowed to do their work will ultimately ruin the school and render it entirely worthless. Miss Thompson was a good instructress and an excellent disciplinarian. During the first term there

were four pupils who did not attend school at all, and although the term was only eight weeks long, there were four hundred and seventy-five days of absence. During the second term of eight weeks, there were six pupils who did not attend at all, and five hundred and two days of absence. It is impossible, under ordinary circumstances, that any good reason can be assigned for so much absenteeism, and what excuse have those parents for depriving their children of an opportunity of acquiring that education which is so essential and requisite for them when they shall arrive to womanhood or manhood. Will not those parents reflect for a moment on the course they are pursuing, the great wrong and injustice they are inflicting on their children? The character and progress of your school depends very much upon yourselves. A good teacher is very desirable, but without your co-operation a good school is almost impossible. Shall your children be punctual and regular in their attendance? Shall they be interested in their school? The answer to these questions depends very much upon yourselves. Then see that your influence and example before your children is right. Registers kept and returned by Miss Thompson were correct. The one from Mr. De Buchanne had some errors.

The whole number of visits made to your schools by citizens the past year is one hundred and ninety-six. Number made by the superintending school committee forty-six. Number made by prudential committees, six.

The whole amount of money raised by the town for the support of schools, was \$1323 00

Amount of Literary Fund, 115 24

Fogg donation, 6 00

which was divided as follows :

District No. 1,	592 47
No. 2,	101 47
No. 3,	135 83
No. 4,	127 25
No. 5,	173 84
No. 6,	147 57
No. 7,	160 92

J. A. Wiggin's tax (\$4.89) was paid to the town of Lee. Fogg donation was given to District No. 6.

Whole number of *different* scholars enrolled four years of age and upward, that have attended school not less than two weeks,

	251
Number of boys,	132
Number of girls,	119

In accordance with an act of our Legislature passed and approved July 7, 1874, the selectmen of this town have made the following return to me.

The number of school children between the age of four and seventeen years, April 1, 1875.

Males,	143
Females,	148
Total number,	291

The number on the Registers between four and fourteen, not attending school, is seventeen.

The number of enrolled scholars over sixteen years of age is twelve.

The number of enrolled scholars under six years of age is ten.

N. B. BURNHAM, S. S. Committee.

Epping, March 6, 1876.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

TEACHERS.		OF		NAMES		Primary School.		Grammar School.		No. of Term.		No. of District.	
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